CONCEPT NEGATION BURST ROUNDS ...
FI-II-II-II-RE!!

UH ...
NGH ...
KA-NON!

AAAAAAH!
AHAHAHAHAHA!

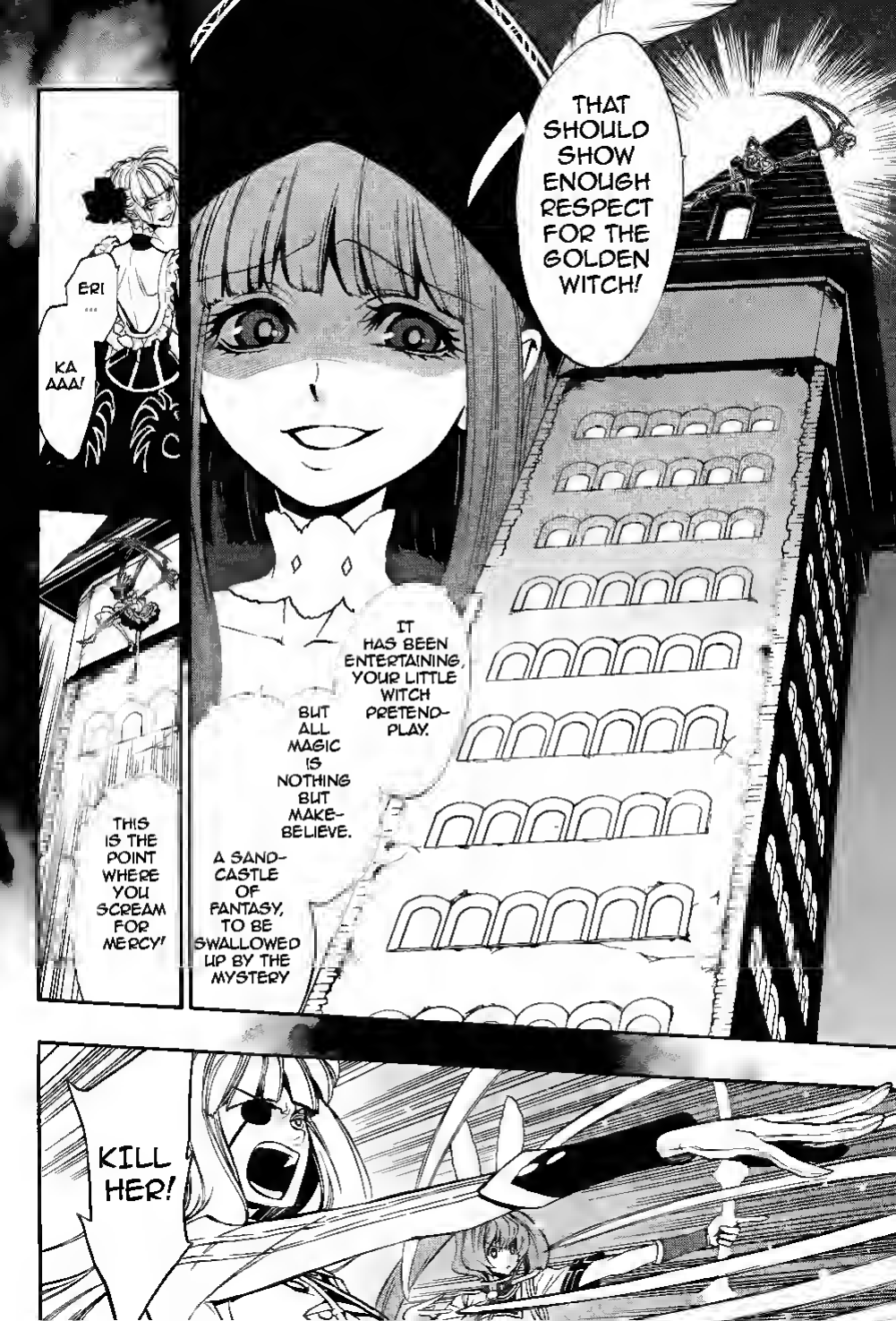
CHAPTER 28: OPENING OF THE BATTLE

CRUSH THEM TO DUST!!
WELL, MY DEAR GOATS!
DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT HAS A FORM!
SILENCE EVERYTHING THAT MOVES!
DENY ALL THE DEAD AND MAKE THEM DE-SPAI-IIIIIR !!!
I THINK NOT!

HAAH! THERE IS JUST NO END TO THEM!
HHHH, SEEMS LIKE WE WILL ALL BE SWALLOWED UP BY THAT WAVE
DO YOU THINK OUR FORTRESS, OUR GOLDEN LAND...
WILL BE TAKEN IN BY THEM!!
THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN SOME HARMLESS RIPPLES!
NOW NOW, COME FORTH TWIN BATTLE TOWERS!
NOW NOW, COME FORTH HIGH GOD ODIN!
CRUSH THE BLACK ILLUSIONS ADVANCING IN ON US AND RETURN THEM TO WHERE THEY BELONG TO.

FIIIIRRREEEEE!!

AAH ?!
NOT TOO SHABBY! SUITS A WITCH!
NGH!
IF YOU STRUGGLE AROUND LIKE THAT ...


ERI ...
KA AAA!
THAT SHOULD SHOW ENOUGH RESPECT FOR THE GOLDEN WITCH!
IT HAS BEEN ENTERTAINING, YOUR LITTLE WITCH PRETEND-PLAY.
BUT ALL MAGIC IS NOTHING BUT MAKE-BELIEVE.
A SAND-CASTLE OF FANTASY, TO BE SWALLOWED UP BY THE MYSTERY
THIS IS THE POINT WHERE YOU SCREAM FOR MERCY!
KILL HER!

A HA!
HA HA!
HA HA!
HA!
A HA!
HA HA!
HA!
HA!
HA HA!
SHE IS WEAVING A MIGHTY FINE PATTERN WITH HER ESCAPE ROUTE...
HA HA!
HA!
YOU ARE SUCH A HASSLE, YOU DAMN PUPPETS!!!

I AM THE WITCH OF TRUTH, FURUDO ERIKA!!
I WILL DIS-MANTLE THE GOLDEN LAND WITH TRUTH!!

WITCHES, MAGIC, ILLUSIONS ...
THEY ALL DON'T EXIST...
THE CULPRIT IS HUMAN ...
HUMAN ...
THE INCIDENT CAN BE EXPLAINED AS A MYSTERY
THE HOUSE OF USHIRO-MIYA CONSISTS OF DEVIANTS
THEY ALL HAVE A MOTIVE

NOW NOW, REMEMBER, SPECTRES OF '86!
REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ALL LONG DEAD!!
DO YOU HAVE A CONFESSION BOILING IN YOUR HEART?
DID YOU NOT ACTUALLY WANT TO COMMIT MURDER?
DO YOU REGRET IT?

SHOW ME THOSE TEARS!
EVEN IF THEY WERE TRUE NOBODY IS GOING TO ACCEPT THEM!
SINCE YOU ARE A FAMILY OF LOWLIFES WHO FIGHTS AND BLAMES ALL SINS ON EACH OTHER!
THAT'S WHY ...
I WILL TEAR YOU TO PITCHBLACK SHREDS...
AND OBLIT-ERATE YOU ...

LIKE EVERY-BODY WANTS YOU TO!!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
WHAT?
MEOW!
WHAT?!
NOBODY HAS RECEIVED ANY CALL FOR BACKUP FROM LAMBDA...?

LAMBDA AND BATTLER WERE NOT IN THE GOLDEN LAND?!
IM-POS-SIBLE ...
!!
NONE OF THE CATS I ORDERED TO PROTECT THE KEY ARE RE-SPONDING !!!
COME FORTH MY KITTIES!
FIND ME THE INTRUDERS!!
LAMBDA AAAAAA AAAAAA AAAAAA AAAA AAAAAA AAAAA !
SHE SMELLS LIKE CANDY, SO SHE'S EASY TO SPOT!

TIME FOR A WITCH HUNT!

THERE ...
THE KEY MUST BE IN THAT ROOM...!
?
SOME-THING IS ON OUR HEELS ...
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A POWER-FUL... BALL OF LIGHT ...?

AN AMALGAMATION OF... CATS!!!
HIDE!!
WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED!!
THEY ARE FAST...
HOW MANY TEN THOUSANDS OF CATS ARE AFTER US, I WONDER...
BUT THE KEY IS IN FRONT OF OUR EYES
WE JUST NEED TO GET BY THEM

IDIOTS!! IF YOU WERE SQUASHED BY THAT THING, NOT EVEN A FLY WOULD BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THAT BLAST AND IT'S CHECKMATE!!
THEN LET'S JUST GO!
IF WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED ANYWAY WE SHOULD JUST HURRY TO THE KEY CHAMBER AS FAST AS POSSIBLE...!!
THERE WILL DEFINITELY ALSO BE CATS GUARDING THE KEY!
I WANT TO BE-LIEVE IN EVA!
SHE HAS GUIDED US ALL THIS WAY!
SHE MUST HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE CATS FOR US!
OKAY, SO WE GO THERE AND GET THE KEY... WHAT THEN ?!?!
IT'S A DEAD END! THERE IS NO WAY FOR ESCAPE!?
WE HAVE BEEN PUT INTO A CORNER!!
WE CAN JUST WARP OVER TO THE GOLDEN LAND AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE KEY IN OUR HANDS!
WE WILL SEND ANGE TO THE FUTURE! THAT HAS BEEN OUR GOAL ALL THE TIME!

THE MAGIC BARRIER PROTECTING THAT KEY IS KIND OF SPECIAL.
IT CAN BE BROKEN SIMPLY BY BEING TOUCHED ...
BUT IT NEEDS TO BE TOUCHED FOR A STRAIGHT HOUR IF ANYBODY WANTS TO COMPLETELY BREAK THE MAGIC BARRIER...!
I HAVE GOOD EYES, SO I CAN TELL YOU NOW ...
IN OTHER WORDS ...
IF WE CAN'T BUY US AN HOUR OF TIME WE CANNOT GET TO THE KEY...!!

NO.
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE AN HOUR.
EVA SHOULD HAVE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE MAGIC CIRCLE.
SO LET'S PLAY A LITTLE HIDE AND SEEK.
I'VE GROWN QUITE USED TO BEING CHASED AROUND THE PLACE.
ONE HOUR IS QUITE A STRETCH, BUT IF WE CAN MAKE IT THAT FAR WE CAN LAY OUR HANDS ON THE WONDERFUL PRICE!
EVEN IF THERE IS ONLY A 1% CHANCE!
WE WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT...
YOU WANT ... TO GO UP AGAINST BERN AND ALL THESE CATS...
IN A GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK...?

IN THE ASTRO-NOMICAL AMOUNT OF NUMBERS ...
TO CHOOSE THE 1 ...
THAT IS THE MAGIC OF THE UHIROMIYA FAMILY...!!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
ARE THEY ACTUALLY READY TO THROW EVERYTHING AWAY?
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

ON AN ASTRO-NOMICALLY LOW PERCENTAGE ??
ARE THEY REALLY GONNA BET EVERY-THING ...
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.....
BERN IS A CAT, SO SHE HUNTS AFTER THE PREY THAT RUNS BUT KILLS THE PREY THAT STANDS STILL!
BUT FIRST SHE NEEDS TO PLAY AROUND WITH IT...
I'LL TELL YOU A WAY TO MAKE THE ODDS A LITTLE BIT BETTER.
AAAAH, IF YOU ARE THAT STUPID THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
?
A SACRI-FICE!

BUT IF IT'S TRUE, WE CAN WORK WITH IT!
THAT'S THE WORST ...
LET'S DECIDE THE SACRI-FICE ...
BY PAPER-SCISSOR-STONE!
THE LOSER WILL HAVE TO BE CHASED AROUND BY BERN AND IF THEY ARE KILLED THEY HAVE TO BUY EVERY SECOND...!!
WE DON'T NEED TO PLAY FOR IT! I'LL DO IT!
LAMBDA-DELTA, YOU WILL GO TO THE KEY-CHAMBER WITH ANGE!
NO, IT WAS MY IDEA SO I WILL DO IT!
HEY, WE WILL NEED TO PLAY FOR IT EITHER WAY I THINK!
IF WE DON'T DO IT FAST WE WILL LOSE OUR CHANCE!

DROP IT ALREADY!!
LAMBDA WILL TAKE THE WINNER TO STEAL THE KEY AND THEN ESCAPE BACK TO THE GOLDEN LAND.
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OKAY.
SO I WILL GO WITH PAPER FIRST, UNDER-STOOD?!
I AM PAPER ...
IT IS ONE-ROUND ROCK-PAPER-SCISSOR!!
AND ...
PAPER!
I JUST HAVE TO LOSE BY CHOOSING STONE!
READY!
IF SHE GOES WITH PAPER...

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WHA
...?
.....
.....

OH MY!
I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL GOING WITH PAPER FIRST, SO I COULD GET OUT BY CHOOSING SCISSORS.
WELL, WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU GET IF PAPER DOESN'T CHOOSE PAPER.
LAM-BDA ...
YOU ...
DID THIS ...
DELTA ...

YOU ...
YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS AT ALL!
WE WILL GIVE IT OUR BEST TO BUILT A HAPPIER FUTURE THAN SHE COULD EVER IMAGINE
IF YOU GET KILLED NONE OF US CAN RETURN TO THE GOLDEN LAND!
THAT'S WHY THIS IS STUPID!
THIS STORY WILL "CERTAINLY" HAVE A HAPPY ENDING!
YEAH, YEAH!
WITH THESE YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT.

WITH THESE YOU TWO CAN RETURN TO THE GOLDEN LAND.
MAGIC CRYSTALS THAT CAN SEND YOU TO THE SEA OF FRAGMENTS.
LAM-BDA-DELTA ...!
THIS IS JUST FAIR SELECTION.
EITHER OF YOU WOULDN'T EVEN STAND A FEW SECONDS IN A FIGHT WITH BERN
I AT LEAST HAVE A CERTAIN CHANCE OF WINNING, RIGHT?!
SHE HAS ONE UP AGAINST ME SO THIS TIME I MIGHT EVEN THE SCORE!
WELL THEN ...
I'M OFF.

I AM SO MUCH OF A SHOW-OFF, IT WAS JUST IMPOS-SIBLE FOR ME TO BE JUST A SPEC-TATOR!
I'M SORRY FOR STEALING YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE.
IT'S A PITY THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO WATCH YOUR GAME TO THE VERY END...
BUT SINCE I ALREADY READ AHEAD A LITTLE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT.

OKAY, THEN ...
SEE YOU AGAIN SOME-TIME ...
DURING THE CREDIT ROLL OF YOUR HAPPY ENDING!

I AM THE TRIPLE-WRAP SUPER-PAPER!
I REALLY AM THE SUPER-PAPER!
I TRICKED YOU INTO CHOOSING STONE...
SORRY FOR TRICKING YOU, GUYS.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO WATCH A TEAR-JERKING CLIMAX RIGHT NOW WHILE CASUALLY EATING POPCORN...
I REALLY STEPPED UNTO THEIR TOES I SUPPOSE, SO THERE CAN ONLY BE ENDLESS HELL IN STORE FOR ME. OR WILL THEY PUT ME IN THE GRAVE RIGHT HERE? I REALLY WONDER WHAT I WAS THINKING...
AAAH, IF I SURRENDERED I MIGHT BE FORGIVEN AFTER A FEW CENTURIES.
MEOW
OH YEAH, SINCE I LOVE FULFILLING WISHES WITH "CERTAINTY", I ALSO LOVE THOSE WHO DO NOT ASK FOR ASSISTANCE...

WHAT THE HELL?!

LAMBDA!
OH, MY.
I WANTED TO MEET YOU AT THE PARTY!

YOU SEE, BERN ...
ISN'T IT MUCH MORE WONDERFUL IF IT IS JUST THE TWO OF US WHISPERING SWEET WORDS OF AFFECTION?

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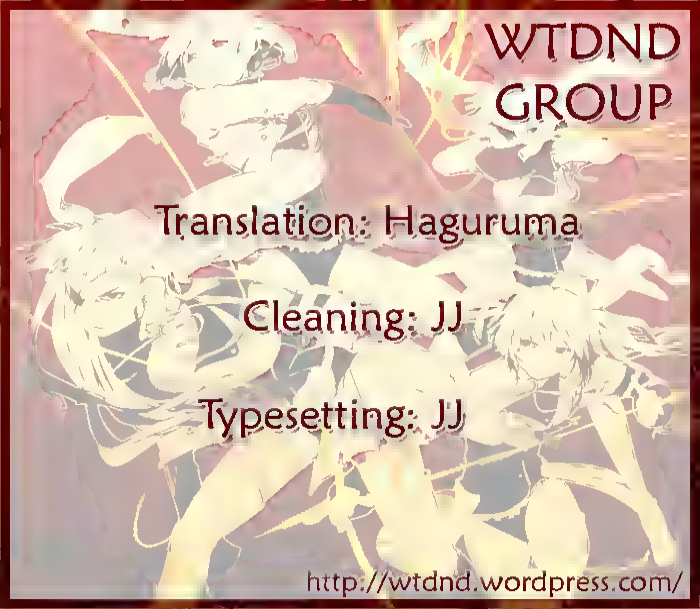
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